

Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council
2011 State Plan Development

Advocacy Goal

Potential Content for Advocacy Goal

Develop and structure a coalition of the multiple diverse advocacy organizations serving the interests of persons with developmental disabilities and their families beginning as a pilot in Maricopa, Pima and Pinal Counties in year one. The model developed for coalition building in these three counties will be formed in year one, and expanded in subsequent years of the Plan to all Arizona Counties and will focus on infrastructure development and maintenance, leadership development, recruiting and sustaining new self-advocates, and development sustainability upon completion of Council funding.

Potential Content for Advocacy Objectives/Activities

- Design and implement a consortium of Coalition members for bi-weekly legislative/public policy meetings to coalesce issues, develop strategies for resolution and implement action plans.
- Establish a technical assistance resource to support members of the Coalition in research and publication activities, including areas of grant writing, identification of business, faith-based and non-public partners to provide financial and technical support of self-advocacy, data collection and development of social capital resources.
- Develop resources distributed by the Coalition that will address the needs of aging persons with developmental disabilities and their caregivers that will empower self-advocacy functions through education and support in the areas of personal health care, transportation, housing, employment and other areas.